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2.5 Hours



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#### Saturday, March 2, 2019

9:00 a.m. Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Archaeology and Paleontology Laboratories

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#### 10:00 a.m. Lecture - Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Plant Rings of Southern California

1 Hour



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# 11:00 a.m. Talk & - Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

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Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?

#### 12:00 p.m. Field Tour – Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Plant Rings of Southern California 3 Hours



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1 Hour

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#### Sunday, March 3, 2019

#### 7:30 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk

1.5 Hours



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## Thursday, March 7, 2019

#### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Inside Truckhaven Rocks

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile hike up a wash into Truckhaven Rocks to a sandstone formation 4-5 million years old. These rocks are formed from sediments derived from local rock, are steeply tilted to the north, and have been called the "Swiss cheese" of our local desert. At one point we can climb up one of these tilted slabs for a great view. Bring water, snack, hat, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the half-circle parking area at Mile Marker 36.2 on Highway S-22 heading East to the Salton Sea.

# 1:00 p.m. Walk & - Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

# Friday, March 8, 2019

#### 9:00 a.m. Spring Plant Walk

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10:00 a.m. Paleo Lecture – Sturzstroms: Large Volume, High Velocity Debris Flows
Join geologist Pat Abbott, emeritus SDSU, to discover new interpretations for Split Mountain Gorge and its world-class exposures of two huge sturzstrom deposits. We will talk about truly unique features on Friday that should leave you full of doubts. On Saturday, we will go to Split Mountain Gorge to look at the rocks and discuss their origin in the field to gain a new perspective. To register, go online to <a href="www.anzaborregopaleo.org">www.anzaborregopaleo.org</a>. Location: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, 401 Tilting T Drive.

### Saturday, March 9, 2019

#### 8:30 a.m. Hike - Ghost Mountain

3 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (1 mile up, 1 mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountaintop. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet Dan at the Blair Valley entrance (turn off highway S2 near milemarker 23, at the Butterfield Stage sign). For something special in the morning, join Dan for a pre-hike no-host breakfast at Shelter Valley Community Center, 8 a.m.

#### 9:00 a.m. Paleo Field Trip – Sturzstroms: Large Volume, High Velocity Debris Flows

5 Hours

We will follow up from Friday morning's lecture with a field trip to Split Mountain Gorge and do what geologists do best – look at the rocks and discuss their origin in the field. To register, go online to: <a href="https://www.anzaborregopaleo.org">www.anzaborregopaleo.org</a>

#### 9:00 a.m. Bike Ride – Bikes & Brews at Blair Valley

4 Hours



Join Jim Roller and Gary Haldeman for a 12-mile mountain bike ride in beautiful Blair Valley. This moderate route will take us into Little Blair Valley Cultural Preserve and along some of the most popular trailheads in the area. \$20 Public/\$15 ABF Members. Visit <a href="www.theabf.org/events">www.theabf.org/events</a> or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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# Saturday, March 9, 2019 (continued)

#### 10:00 a.m. Talk ₺ – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens, and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the behavior of these two subspecies of the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!



## 2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers &

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Water and a hat are required. If you have previously participated in a California State Park Junior Ranger program, bring your logbook!

# 7:00 p.m. Ranger Campfire & Desert Bighorn Sheep

1 Hour

Come hear Ranger Sabrina Joseph talk about the Park's Desert Bighorn Sheep. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2019**

#### 8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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### Monday, March 11, 2019

#### 10:00 a.m. Botany Society Lecture – Secrets of the Desert Lily

1 Hour

Join the Anza-Borrego Botany Society for their monthly lecture open to the public. Botany Society President Don Rideout will discuss his research on the Desert Lily. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. The public is welcome to come learn about this unique desert flower!

# Wednesday, March 13, 2019

# 10:00 a.m. Talk 🖔 – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?



Thursday, March 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. Hike - South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

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# 11:00 a.m. Archaeology Society Lecture 🕹 – Bighorn Sheep

1 Hour

Join the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society for their monthly public lecture at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. This month's topic is Bighorn Sheep. Open to the public.

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

#### 7:20 a.m. Hawkwatch - A Borrego Springs Phenomenon

**2.5 Hours** 

Why are people looking up into the sky? Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld to discover the fascinating story of migrating Swainson's Hawks. We'll meet at the Visitor Center flagpole (by the parking lot) for a 40-minute program, then caravan to the Hawkwatch site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and see migrating raptors. We'll also meet "HawkGuy" Hal Cohen, the Chicago teacher who discovered the hawk migration phenomenon in 2003 and helped put the Borrego Hawkwatch in motion. Bring binoculars, water and hats. You will also appreciate a portable chair in case the hawks don't lift off until after 9 a.m. Limited to 18 participants who must have pre-registered at the Visitor Center or by calling (760) 767-4205.

#### 9:00 a.m. Strenuous Hike – Whale Peak North Approach

4 Hours



Join Ashley Kvitek & Sicco Rood for a strenuous hike through one of the most remarkable examples of transition zone vegetation in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®. Only 4 miles, but strenuous and worth the work! \$45/\$35 for ABF Members. Advanced registration required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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### 7:30 p.m. Campfire 5 – Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion

**45 Minutes** 

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

### **Sunday, March 17, 2019**

#### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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#### Wednesday, March 20, 2019

#### 4:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a sensory and observational treat walking in a surprise location in the desert as the sun sets and the full moon rises. We'll take particular note of the changing colors and make observations of desert details at this scenic time of day. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.



### Thursday, March 21, 2019

#### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the Park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.

# 6:45 p.m. Talk 🖔 - Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Have you wondered what the "Man in the Moon" really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

# 7:45 p.m. Talk 🖔 – The Moon Rises

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon's rising. Bring out your lawn chair, binoculars and a redfiltered flashlight and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the "Bridge", for star and moon gazing. Dress warmly for welcoming this month's moon.

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### 7:30 p.m. Campfire 🖔 – Animal Songs

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a lighthearted look at some of the Park animals. Using the sounds of a few of our Park animals, you'll leave this program with a song in your heart! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

#### **Sunday, March 24, 2019**

#### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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#### Tuesday, March 26, 2019

#### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Monthly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our monthly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Join at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. For information, call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 or visit www.theabf.org. No advance registration required.



#### Thursday, March 28, 2019

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - California Riding and Hiking Trail Loop

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous 3-mile hike up the California Riding and Hiking Trail to a wonderful view over the basin to the east. We'll see some interesting plants and geological features along the way and return via the old trail. Meet at the Hellhole parking lot on S-22, 1/2 mile west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive. Bring water, hat, and sturdy hiking boots.

# Friday, March 29, 2019 9:00 a.m. Spring Plant Walk

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#### Saturday, March 30, 2019

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# DESERT SAFETY

#### ✓ Carry water AND drink it

Saving water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before leaving home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink frequently.

#### ✓ Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.

Equip your vehicle for the desert. Always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

#### ✓ Do not split up the group

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

#### ✓ Leave snakes alone.

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

#### ✓ Have a plan.

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

#### **✓** Prepare yourself.

In addition to carrying water, always have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

#### ✓ When emergencies happen ...

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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